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## Red Cross Water Safety Demonstration Will Be Staged Tonight At Russ Pool

**STAFF SGT. JOHN J. LEHNER** of Dolomite, near Birmingham, Ala., an enlisted instructor in The Infantry School, has been credited with one of the most amazing rifle scores in the history of the United States Army. Sgt. Lehner scored 209 out of a possible 210 in all positions with a Browning Automatic Rifle, amazing because of its high rate of fire—350 to 550 shots per minute. (U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.)

### Alabama Marksman Sets New World BAR Record

#### Sgt. Lehner Scores 209 Out Of Possible 210, All Positions

Legend has it that the best riflemen in the nation come from Tennessee and Kentucky but Alabama, in the person of two enlisted instructors of The Infantry School, has risen to deny that legend.

### Special Service Office Books G. I. Movies

#### Film To Be Issued Bi-Weekly For Armed Forces Personnel Only

Booking has begun on a new movie service to be known as "G.I. Movies," which will be shown in recreation halls, day rooms, and service clubs through the entire post, it was announced today by Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, special service officer at Fort Benning.

The movies, released bi-weekly, now are available without cost to all posts, camps and stations in the United States through the Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces.

G. I. Movies are packaged as balanced programs, released for 16 mm. projectors, with each program consisting of several subjects joined together for convenience in handling on one large 1,600 foot reel. Approximate running time for a typical show will be 45 minutes.

#### SUBJECTS ANNOUNCED

Subjects for the initial release include "The War," issue No. 1, containing shots of the bombing of Pearl Harbor which were seized from the Japs; Private Schnell of the Marines telling about his rifle; steps to Conquering "Air Forces" an aerial attack in the Aleutians, and other material. This is packaged with "Vendetta," an M-G-M Academy Award contender; "Men of Timber," a story of Australian Commandos believed now captured on the screen; "The Anchors Aweigh," a song short; and an exciting Army Sport short.

#### ADMISSION FREE

Only personnel of the Armed Forces are eligible for attendance at the movies, it was emphasized, and admission is free. They are designed primarily for showing to groups the size of a company or group in service clubs, mess halls, recreation halls and similar locations other than theaters. Showings also may be staged outdoors.

Organizations or groups interested in securing the film are asked to contact the Special Service office, Ft. Benning 3411. A 16 mm. projector will be loaned or rented for use of groups that do not have facilities for showing the film. Col. Finnegan stated.

### Bride, Benedict! Bride Barriers Back to Benning

Aggressiveness is without a doubt the distinguishing mark of a successful Infantry officer.

If this officer also has speed, coordination and a sense of timing it is unlikely anything can stop him from completing any problem with which he is faced.

Such an officer is Lt. Irving Rosenfeld of the 8th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, who is a typical abbreviated "Bride, Benedict!"

Rosenfeld has practiced the principles with thorough efficiency which would be a credit to the teachings of leadership.

Early last Saturday evening, after a difficult day in the field, he sped to Atlanta, where he visited his home bound for New York City. There he married Miss Eseyey Greenberg. Taking to the air once more, he flew to Atlanta with his bride, where he transferred to motorcar, arriving in time to take part in the H. C. club opened and he assumed its management. In civilian life he managed Newark, N. J.'s Hotel Riviera.

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This performance, which occurred during a routine demonstration before an Officer Candidate class, was witnessed and certified by six officers.

**ANOTHER BAMA BOY**

Two months ago, Technical Sergeant Graffton King of Somerville, Ala., created some amazing record of 206 out of possible 210. This feat was given wide acclaim at the time because of the tens of thousands of men who have fired this weapon only a few had even closely approached the mark.

Chief among the two sergeants also are experts with the light and heavy machine guns, the M-1 and Springfield rifles, the bayonet and hand grenade.

Sgt. Lehner is the son of Mrs.

Eva E. Lehner of Dolomite, who has been married for one-half years, seeing service with the 30th Infantry at the Presidio in Monterey, Cal., before coming to this post in 1941. Prior to entering the army, he handled 22 caliber rifles and shot-guns with proficiency.

He is a member of Company I of the Academic Regiment, assigned to duty as an enlisted instructor with the BAR group.

**OPA Restricts Officers' Club Coca-Cola Quota**

Serious Irregularities Jeopardize Status Of Military Personnel

Military personnel who violate rules of housing at Baker Village and Benning Park homes are jeopardizing eligibility for continued occupancy of apartments, according to Lt. Col. Coggins, assistant manager of one of the War Housing Developments.

"There is an increasing prevalence to ignore terms of the contract between tenants and the Housing Authority of Columbia and this is what we know," he said. "We have committed violations are seriously jeopardizing eligibility for continued occupancy of apartments in these War Housing Developments," he said.

"The two types of leases of leases of apartments violated are those without written permission from the manager and permitting others to share apartments without knowledge of the manager."

In some cases, personnel now having apartments have subleased them for far above what they were paying. In others, crowding has resulted.

Families of military personnel are permitted to occupy their apartment for 30 days after departure of the soldier or officer to another post, he pointed out.

Personnel are advised to make arrangements for vacating of the apartment assigned to them within 30 days after they are transferred.

In many instances, no attempts are made to move families of officers or enlisted men who have been transferred," Mr. Coggins said. "This means that persons stationed to the post, who have a right to these apartments, are not able to secure them."

Apartments at Benning Park are rented to officers while those at Newton D. Baker Village are for non-commissioned officers of the first three grades.

**CORTLAND PROMOTED**

Second Lt. William J. Cortland,

manager of the Harmony Church Officers Club, has been promoted to first lieutenants. He served as assistant Officers' Mess officer until last November when the H. C. club opened and he assumed its management. In civilian life he managed Newark,

N. J.'s Hotel Riviera.

**TONIGHT AT RUSS POOL** the above scenes will be reenacted for the edification of those attending the Red Cross Water Safety Show. In the photo in the upper left two soldiers are shown swimming with full field equipment. They are Cpl. Fred Costello of the 455th Anti-aircraft battalion (closer to camera) and Staff Sgt. Joseph Rickman, Cannon company, 176th infantry. In the upper right men are swimming with inflated trouser legs used as life buoys, propelled by foot. They are (left to right) Sgt. Paul Thomas of the 538th Armored Infantry battalion, and Cpl. James D. Marquart, HQ company Second STR. In lower left four men are transporting an injured comrade by the simple use of standard medical litter held up by inflated trouser legs, left rear Cpl. Costello, right rear Sgt. Rickman, right front, Cpl. Si Weinberg, 53rd General Hospital (Cpl. Marquart not shown). At the microphone in lower right is Ben Stanton, nationally known Red Cross water safety instructor and director of the course at Benning. (Signal Lab Photos by Sgt. Mel Stock.)

**BOSTON TOMMY TAKES A G. I. Driving Lesson at Tiger Camp**

#### Even Ferocious Tankmen Quailed At Thought of Riding In His Vehicle

By PRIVATE THOMAS DEVINE

I have done something which the British, the French, the Tripolitan pirates, the Mexicans, the Spaniards, Austrians, Turks, Germans, Italians and Japanese have attempted in vain over the course of 168 years. And what's more I have done it without trying. In short: I have defeated the United States. Please don't quote me any old saws to the effect that there's a will there's a way because I have just told you that there was no will in this case.

To get down to fundamentals:

I cannot drive an automobile. For an adult American male to make an admission of this sort is comparable to confessing that he is a neanderthal.

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The result: the club now gets 60 cases of Coca Colas per day whereas it had been getting 400. As Sherman so aptly put it: "War is h—," ain't it?

**War Bonds Will Be Issued At Post**

In a move to clear up all outstanding war bond accounts and assure speedier delivery of over-due purchases, the War Bond Division, Chicago, Ill., is transferring all records to the local service center, who will then make out bonds which were purchased under the pay reservation plan prior to January 1, 1943, and have not yet been received.

Major George Fink, post war bond officer, said that present purchases are being delivered within 15 days and as soon as these older purchases are processed the whole program will be able to continue on schedule.

**Tardy Drivers' License Applicants May Apply Friday**

Drivers at Fort Benning who

have failed to obtain their state drivers' licenses may get them at the provost marshal's office between 9 and 6 o'clock on Friday, Aug. 6, C. C. club opened and he assumed its management. In civilian life he managed Newark,

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**COULDN'T LEARN**

I probably used the vehicle six times a week—end the entire summer—but as it was an open car it had to be put in storage for the winter. Meanwhile I made several earnest attempts to learn how to work it but it was very tiresome and there was always

boners as thrusting into the mechanized forces a car with while he assumed no difference between my branches and finding no "cokes" are asking "why?" Here is the reason according to Captain James A. Guthrie, Officers' Club secretary.

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**TO SWIM STROKES**

Walking in relays, the new soldier instructors will show various individual functional strokes, methods of leaping into the water while fully clothed and equipped, simplified diving methods to conform to wartime needs, new devices of breath control.

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## 2nd STR OC Got Six Japs On Guadalcanal

Four Are Rifle Victims; 2 Die On Bayonet End

The fighting "spirit of the bayonet" hammered home here at the Infantry School is something of first-hand reality to Staff Sergeant William A. Swift, 23, of Lawrence, Mass., and Guadalcanal, and now an officer candidate in the Second Student Training Regiment.

Swift was on Guadalcanal exactly 18 days, fighting his way through the jungle and across the island, killing six Japs, four with his rifle and two with his bayonet. Of these last two victims, he slashed one through the neck, and the other he rammed in the guts.

The main theory, if one can call it that, which Swift brought back from him, rather concentrated discussions with the little sons of Nippon is that the only good Jap is a dead Jap.

A soldier soon learns a lot of useful tricks in dealing effectively with the Japs. For example, Swift tells how the Japs employ a bayonet with a hook at its base. They catch an opponent's bayonet with this hook and quickly twist his rifle out of his hands, if he is not wary. The best way to beat the hook is to give the Jap a butt stroke or a quick, short jab.

Swift cut short his plane for a college vacation to take up the business of fighting. He left Huntington Prep in Boston to join the National Guard in January, 1941. After a year's training at Camp Edwards, Mass., he was shipped to the Solomon Islands. On New Caledonia he completed ten months of intensive shaping up, and was ready for the great adventure.

His outfit landed on Guadal-

canal on Nov. 11, 1942, which also happened to be Armistice Day of the last war. Both sides were armisticed in the Solomons, and 15 minutes after Swift landed, a Jap air attack began. From then on, the fighting continued day and night all the while Swift was there.

He could see the great sea-air battle from his foxhole, and every morning for several days there would be more Jap bodies washed up on the beaches. After that battle, Jap planes did not show up very often; but steady, stealthy jungle warfare began in earnest.

Swift was the leader of a fox squad, and his home was a foxhole, dozens of foxholes, anywhere and everywhere he happened to be. The worst part, he said, was when you were lucky enough to get away from the Japs, and having a Jap sniper take a shot at you before you were entirely awake.

Two of the Japs that Swift killed with his rifle were snipers in trees. The others were hit in the head, and he kept on patrol and one in a rush.

### JAP TRICKERY

"A favorite trick of a Jap sniper when you shoot at him is to drop a rifle from the tree, and then when you think you've got the buzzard and start to move toward the rifle, you get plugged. So you learn not to do anything for granted," Swift said.

"Like the cook in the Jap story who looked up one night while the chow line was filling by, and a Jap standing right in front of him. So he hauled out his 45 and shot the Jap in the eye."

Swift is here to testify that the Jap knee-mortar, 50 mm., one-man operated, is one of their best weapons. It works well at ranges even as close as 100 yards. Swift will also add his testimony to the theory that you never hear the shell that gets you.

**WOUNDED**

He was advancing in a rush on November 29, and the next thing he knew was down and his head did not feel very good. A Jap mortar shell had wounded him and four of his squad, and none of them had heard the explosion.

That head wound put Sergeant Swift in the hospital for nearly four months, or rather six different hospitals, the way he went to and in the United States. But he recovered completely, and had the big thrill of getting home to Lawrence, Mass., to see his mother, Mrs. Annie Swift.

Now he is Officer Candidate Swift, at The Infantry School, learning the finishing touches of the technique of putting whole platoons and battalions of Japs out of business.

Bored by pestering for non forthcoming letters a mail clerk at Camp Roberts, Cal., put an end to his persecution by writing one himself to his tormentor.

Never sleep on the bare ground when you have your raincoat with you for insulation against dampness.

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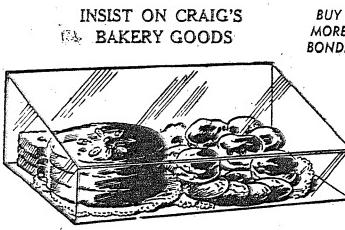
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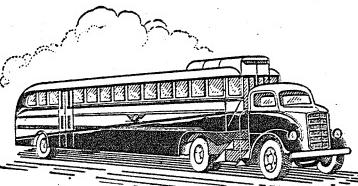
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## 174 2nd Regiment Men Get Good Conduct Medals

One of the most unusual events to occur at Fort Benning in many a moon was the mass presentation of Good Conduct Medals to 174 members of Headquarters Company in the Second Student Training Regiment.

Col. Arthur C. Blain, commanding officer of the Second Regiment, made the awards individual to each man in a colorful early morning ceremony held in Theater No. 4. Capt. Henry R. Callahan, commander of Headquarters Company, and other officers of the regiment were present.

The award, in the form of a red ribbon with white stripes, is given to enlisted men who have demonstrated the qualities of dependability, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation.

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## Colored USO Director Named

Announcement is made by Miss Alvareta Keenan, director of the USO-Travellers' Aid, in Columbus of the appointment of Dorothy L. Butler as director of the colored USO-Travellers' Aid.

Aided by a staff of volunteer workers, she will have her office in the Colored USO-YWCA located at 936-5th avenue, Columbus. Services rendered by this group will include information service to places to live, and transportation schedules to and from Columbus.

Information on community resources such as recreation, employment, medical services—if you need a dentist or a doctor in the middle of the night—and city directions will be readily available to this organization.

Counseling service and travel service, which means meeting children on train or bus, under 16 years of age, old people, and travellers who are too ill to find their way alone and inexperienced travellers are among the services offered. The services will be met by this group only in-stringent circumstances.

This is Lt. Miller's second tour of duty at Benning. When the first WAAC company was assigned to Fort Benning for duty with the WAAC Detachment, Station Complement, as executive officer, Lt. Col. J. D. Rosenberger, Jr., post adjutant announced today.

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A graduate of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama, she majored in sociology and later graduated from the Atlanta女子学校 of Social Work, Atlanta, Ga.

A special plea is made for volunteer workers to keep the information desk open at all hours for servicemen and their dependents.

of Euclid and attended Cleveland College, Cleveland, Ohio.

In her new assignment, Lt. Miller did statistical work at the Thompson Aircraft Products Company and the Central National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio. She is a native of Cleveland.

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until one day it was announced that we all must learn to drive all the vehicles. My heart sank (metaphorically) I make haste to assure you and I thought I saw my Waterloo.

Now I had always thought of myself as a sort of highly strung, delicate instrument, if you know what I mean or perhaps I might make myself clearer by saying I'm a kind of creature of impulse. Hence you may conceive my distress at being expected to go swooping up hill in a half track, dashin' down side in a tank and flying over the terrain in general in a scout car.

Well with characteristic G.I. thoroughness they didn't just plunk us into vehicles and make us drive them forthwith. They took us into a shed in the motor pool instead and put us through a procedure which seemed highly Rubic Golde's cartoon. First they strapped a pencil to my head with the point upwards. Then I had to stand under a block of paper which the point of the pencil touched. The idea was that the degree to which the pencil moved on the paper showed how jittery I was. To my supreme distress and vexation I discovered that my pencil had not moved an iota, thereby demonstrating indisputably that I was just a stoic cat with no more sensibility than you could put in your eye.

### GUILLOTINE

Next I was placed before a sort of guillotine device. A long thin rod pointed at one end was placed at my neck. I was told that when the board of the guillotine commenced to drop I must thrust the spike into it and arrest its fall. I did so before the beastly thing had moved two inches. This I learned demonstrated excellent judgment on my part.

This no doubt was expected to produce gratification in me. On the contrary it actually enraged me. "Here," I reflected, "all these years one of my family's most cherished precepts was my poor judgment and inability to handle my own affairs. I couldn't be trusted to make right decisions." I always cautioned to look both ways before crossing the street. Relatives and friends were in constant terror that if I were let loose with more than ten dollars in my pocket account would move the paper showed how

such levity was misplaced and seeing his disbelief I continued, "I don't know the difference between a gear shift and a cylinder head. I can't even start one of the darned things much less drive it."

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My Tiger instructor began all over again and more painstakingly this time. No one was more surprised and gratified than myself with the thing commenced to move.

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went along, further observe that when the automobile started it did so with a jerk sufficiently vigorous to vanish every trace of languor from my passengers. Further more it bounded forward like a condemned animal jerkily and quivering at intervals with a great deal of what the French call "esprit."

When I found it was all simple all my qualms vanished and felt so thoughts of thing that had been holding avocation.

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"Oh I'm not in the least," I rejoined deedly jerking the wheel to the right to avoid a boulder that rapidly was going to the port to escape a gully.

At this point a stifled scream from the rear chilled my blood and darting a glance behind me I saw my Tiger passenger pale as death and clinging on to me like a death grip on a bright as though they feared these items of government property were going to be lost in the rush. Thinking to impart a little more confidence to the distressed lad I cried cheerily, "Never mind boys, it's better than the movies and it doesn't cost a dime."

The ridiculous scout car chose this juncture to go bounding off the path and plunged gaily into the forest. The instructor covered his face with his hands and I heard snags from the back seats (they told me afterwards that they were too depleted to scream) but I am proud to say that the G.I. devices utilized for the aforementioned test were vindicated when I turned a hair but I did turn the scout car back on the road in three shanks of a lamb's tail.

Subsequent reports that I leveled a half acre of woodland were greatly exaggerated, (some people will do anything to get a laugh) but the report was good.

I leveled at me to the effect that this was a driving lesson not a deforestation problem was entirely unwarranted. It is perfectly true that when the scout car returned to the road it grasped the ground like a simian's foot.

A medium sized example of the long leafed Georgia pine (I forgot the scientific name for it) and a slightly less impressive growth,

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fidence as the result of the tests quailed before the notion of guiding one of these lumbering vehicles over this hazardous path whenever one of the cars would return with a bunch of Tigers who completed their circuit. I'd made of mate's behalf immediately availed the eye of the lieutenant when he was selecting another lot of G.I.'s to drive around.

Presently all my subterfuges came to naught for the officer in charge remarked, "Devil take you, you've done it again. Where have you been around?" Now isn't that I have any fine moral scruples about economy of truth but from an early age I recognized that as a lie was definitely grade "C," so I have always avoided the truth and this occasion I replied "Now Sir."

"Well then," said the lieutenant, "you'd best go at once as we must return to the company soon."

"Sir, I quavered. "I don't know anything about it. I've never driven before."

"Oh, that's all right," he replied breezily. "Most of these other chaps have never driven a scout car before. You'll catch on to it easily enough."

"Sir, I mean to say, not that I've not driven a scout car, but I've never driven ANY kind of car in my life."

He stopped abruptly, obviously thinking such levity was misplaced and seeing his disbelief I continued, "I don't know the difference between a gear shift and a cylinder head. I can't even start one of the darned things much less drive it."

The lieutenant looked at me curiously as though I had escaped from a page of one of the minor 18th century novelists, but contented himself with saying "Well then, we'll just have to teach you General's orders, you know," and before I could collect my wits I found myself behind the steering wheel of a scout car named, I believe, "Nzdrowe."

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had made no secret of the fact that this was my initial infatuation and I thought I'd done rather well in all this consideration with prophecy about Blameless and they got into the vehicle entirely of their own volition for I certainly didn't ask them to ride with me, had I?

"(c) A little realism in the way of driving wouldn't do them any harm, I suppose, in combat conditions it was possible that a situation might arise in which it was necessary to leave the path and you weren't going to let a tree or so interfere with a military operation were you?"

A subsequent examination of the scout car revealed, besides some abrasions and contusions that the frame was a bit out of alignment a trifle. I will say that no reproaches were leveled at me on this account because,

unequivocally the government had brought this situation on itself.

Unlike the government my fel-

low dwellers in Tiger Towers (the 4th barracks) were not inclined to forgive and forget, at least those who had been my passengers and when, as a finishing touch to our driving course, we were sent out to do a bit of black-out driving they took a very offensive attitude. They all tried to get other cars than the one I was in until they were finally ordered peremptorily to stay in the vehicle to which they were assigned.

It was a very pleasant evening when our convoy started out and I looked forward to our little junket with considerable enjoyment. Would you believe it, however, those dirty low down General but presently I was inspired with a more feasible de-

sign against me. After all the others had a turn at the wheel the Benning Bayonet, Thursday, July 1, 1943

three

had come to "Tiger Towers" and set

all their bunks at "parade rest."

While the rest of them were waste-

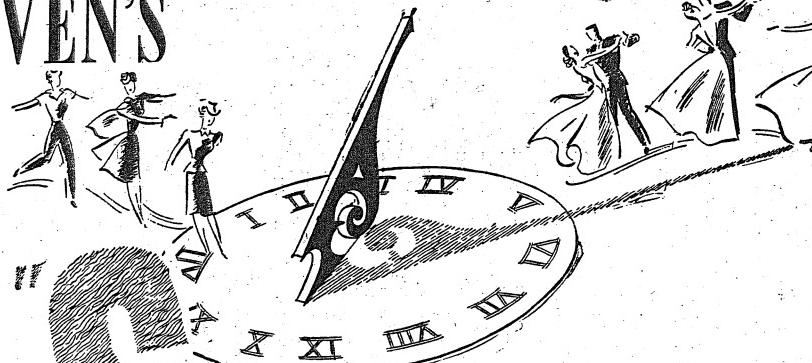
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I still cannot drive a car.

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In a new world of the airplane all nations are the near neighbors of all others.—Cordell Hull.

## The Fourth Of July And The British Empire

One scene of the motion picture version of "The Pursuit of Happiness" shows George III pacing the floor of his study with his minister Lord North in attendance. The King had just received dispatches from America telling of British reverses and in an access of irritation he cries "Why the deuce didn't that fellow Columbus stay at home and mind his own business."

His Majesty was not alone among his contemporaries in this feeling. Many of the Tories must have felt that the colonies were more of a headache than they were worth and there was a very powerful minority of Whigs headed by Charles James Fox who opposed the American war with all their energies and were all in favor of letting the colonists have their independence without opposition.

American tub thumping orators in the old days made the Fourth of July the occasion for much bellicose flag waving and chauvinistic condemnation of "foreign tyrants." The latter were always tacitly understood to be the English Crown or its wearers and small town audiences were wont to repair to their mid-day dinner of fresh salmon, green peas and ice cream with a feeling of thankfulness that Providence and our valiant predecessors had delivered us from the savage and sadistic machinations of an effete monarchy.

We Americans are still happy that the Revolution took place and gave us our independence and self determination as a nation but we are less naive in our attitude toward our quondam mother country. We realize, all except the most stupid and ignorant that the weaknesses of the British economic and governmental system which gave us just cause for complaint were simply part of a corrupt order which the British themselves had foreshadowed to destruction and which was part and parcel of the times of the Eighteenth Century.

To indulge in unprovable hypotheses may not be very profitable but it seems reasonable to suppose that if America had remained under British rule those qualities of spiritual independence and enterprise which have cropped up so plentifully and in such surprising places might well have been stifled during the 19th century and which is now the United States, inhibited by the disabilities which the existing British social order laid upon great masses of people, might never have become the mighty and opulent industrial factor she now is.

Let us never forget, on the other hand, that if we were not for the protecting might of Britain's naval power we would long since have become prey to the land grabbing powers of Europe and could never have enjoyed the years of security which enabled us to attain our present status.

## Curious Phenomenon Is Our Attitude Toward Italy

A curious phenomenon of the present war without precedent in our history is the almost complete lack of animosity felt toward Italy. Unlike in 1918 it has been unnecessary to indulge in any rabble-rousing tactics to work up venom against the Germans for even the dullest folk realize the menace of German power in this day and age. The Japanese by Pearl Harbor simply crowned the work of 35 years in creating a detestation in the hearts of Americans.

A certain school of thought would direct our animosity toward the national leaders of our enemies rather than toward the people themselves and it was on this premise that our war of 1917-18 was prosecuted against the German Empire. This time, however, our enmity and mistrust embraces the German and Japanese people but in the case of the Italians it is confined to Premier Mussolini and his Fascist followers.

In view of Mussolini's absurd hysterical posturing on the balcony of the Venezia Palace and his belligerent shoutings in conjunction with the disgraceful attacks on first, Albania and then France and Greece, the subsequent military fiascos have made Italy look very ridiculous. Why then has she failed to earn the deep seated loathing we accord our other enemies?

Possibly it is because Italy never comprised even a potential menace to the rest of the world such as did Japan and Germany. Or it may be that the Italians are such an amiable people with too keen a sense of humor to take their horns Caesar as seriously as the priggish Germans regarded their second coming of Parsifal.

The Italian people have no natural antipathy toward the United States, England or France and such as may exist is entirely based on deliberate lies told by them of their appointed leaders. In the first place Napoleon Bonaparte as the instrument of France first made a united nation out of what had been a collection of petty Italian states. While this was cancelled by the Congress of Vienna in 1815 largely, it may be noted through German influence, Italy's final unity in the later 19th century was achieved largely through the help of Napoleon's nephew the Emperor Louis Napoleon.

During the struggle for Italian unity England gave Italy moral and indeed material support and always since stood her as a good friend. Finally the United States has been the haven of millions of Italians who have always been hospitably welcomed here and whose relatives in the old country are well aware of the good feeling we bear towards their race.

Western European civilization owes more to Italy than any other country in the world. Our Christian culture is purely Roman in origin and

upon the fall of the Eastern Empire in the 15th century Italy took up the torch and has borne it ever since. With few exceptions the major cultural movements have emanated from the Italian peninsula and even during her period of political and economic hibernation this area of Europe remained a source of civilized inspiration.

Mussolini's civic improvements and the cheap victories he achieved in Ethiopia, Spain and Albania blinded the Italians to the road down which Fascism was leading them. The rest of the world, however, does not believe that they ever wished to be a party to the gross, godless cruelty whereby the Germans proposed to manifest their superiority to the rest of mankind. If their military attainments have been unsuccessful, it must be remembered that the natural leaning of the Italians is towards the arts of peace rather than the martial crafts. Unlike the Germans, who have for generations had a national sense of inferiority, the Italians have for many centuries been a superior people who had no need of a resort to arms to prove it.

For many years there have been sporadic rumors of disagreement between Premier Mussolini and the House of Savoy which is the Italian Royal Family. Some quarters hold that King Victor Emanuel is a lazy selfish man who is mainly concerned with his own comfort. His heir, the Prince of Piedmont however, is an energetic person who is persistently reported to be antagonistic to the premier. This Prince is married to Marie-José, sister to the King of the Belgians, hence no lover of Germany. Some authorities hold the feasibility of an ousting of Mussolini, the abdication of the King and an assumption of power by the Crown Prince who is popular among the masses.

All our dealings with Italy since the war's outbreak have been characterized by an absence of venom on our part. The President has assured the Italians that the Allies are eager to welcome their country back into the concert of civilized nations and it is to be hoped they soon appreciate that they ultimately have more to gain from a United Nations victory than they conceivably could from a German dominated world.

—T. D.

## He Who Wants To Be A Leader Will Be One

"I was generally a leader among the boys, and sometimes led them into scrapes." BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, "Autobiography," Vol. I, Page 100.

Were Franklin an enlisted man today, his realization that it takes "leadership to direct a scrap would probably lead him directly to a commission. Franklin was aware of that intangible "something" even as a boy. He nurtured that sense of leadership, which in him was born, and later as a dynamic statesman capitalized on its power to sway the events of the world.

Not all of us are so fortunate as to be born with a strong sense of leadership. However we can develop the quality of leadership by determination, by practice, by strengthening our character. Like the development of other admirable traits of character, leadership requires hard work. It requires that a man first decides he wants to be a leader—he will be a leader. Once that first decision is firmly implanted in concrete, then that man, by dint of hard work, will become a leader of men. The more work, the greater the leader.

The question then arises, "How best does a man go about working on leadership once he has reached his decision? The answer is simplicity itself. Just look about you. Do the things you are supposed to do and a little more besides. Just don't salute a passing officer, be the first to salute him. Don't just come to attention when an officer walks into a room, be the one that calls attention." Don't just keep your body in average sort of physical condition, see to it that you are the tops in physical form in your entire group.

Lt. Col. J. S. Roosma  
CO, 1st STR

Oh I have bid the earthbound farewell, and lanced through skies of purple dawn, alone; Where the cloudy souls of the heavens swell, I find myself at home.

Across the countless miles of space, I've seen my love in faded hue, Frolic along with ease and grace, with every maneuver my ship went through.

Then over the very top of dawn . . . Ah, 'tis heaven where no men have trod, Where a man can lift his soul aloft, And be alone . . . with God.

Sgt. Frank Freestone,  
Regimental Headquarters Co.,  
501st Parachute Infantry.

There are values other than food values in family nutrition. How you feed men gives them heart for their work just as what you feed them gives them strength.

The ration book has replaced the bank book as America's measure of worth. We used to be judged by what we could afford to spend—now, by what we are thought enough to save.

## 1776—This Nation Shall Not Perish—1943



### In Flanders' Field The Poppies Die

In Flanders Field the poppies die,  
And shorn of blossoms withered lie,  
Across the breast of soldiers brave,  
Who died that Freedom's flag might wave  
Beneath the Great Creator's sky.

We know they died, but better know,  
Wherever men shall want it so,  
Forth from rubble of ravished dreams,  
Born of oppression's ruthless schemes  
A better way of life shall grow.

For souls of men cannot be chained  
And never shall it be ordained,  
That tyrant's sword may cut the thread  
Which binds the living to the dead  
While vice and lust rule unrestrained.

Those who lie here shall never rest,  
Until the lasting peace has blest,  
The sacrifice they gladly made  
Without regret and unafraid,  
They met and passed the one great test.

When time shall ease all loss and pain,  
In peaceful sleep shall lie the slain  
And round their graves as if to hide  
The war-torn mark countryside,  
The poppies yet shall bloom again.

By Dan R. Melton  
Regimental Hdqs. Co.  
124th Infantry.

### Key Says—

#### SCHOOL GIRLS, LANDLADIES COULD TEND WAR BABES FOR YOUNG MOTHERS

Sometimes I think the ones getting the worst break just now are the war babies, those poor little scraps of humanity who are unable to protect the wrongs done to them.

It must be pretty tough on a baby to be dragged from pillar to post—which in his case includes the grocery stores, crowded shopping, stuffy theaters, and even an occasional night club.

Some infant protege ought to tell his pleasure-seeking young mother to send for the pamphlets on infant care and the child from one to six put out by the United States Department of Labor.

The best way to prevent infection is to prevent exposure," says this excellent pamphlet. "Do not take a little child to public gatherings, such as fairs or circuses or into crowded stores.

These are always overexciting and overfatiguing, and offer great risk of infection. Unless you suggest to the child that he is missing something by not going to such places, he will feel no disappointment. A child should not be expected to sit through movies or other entertainments suitable only for grown-ups."

Grant you that a young mother often has a hard time, these days, finding someone with whom she can leave the baby. There are times when it is impossible to do necessary shopping unless the child is taken along. But such essential trips surely need not include browsing through store after store, a hot and fatigued baby.

The answer to the need of millions is not a new doctrine but new living.



#### A MOST PATHETIC VERSE

Chaplain F. M. Thompson

Once a year wherever a bag-pipe can be mustered Scotch folk come together to celebrate the birthday of their sweet singer, Robert Burns.

It is good to do so for Burns is Scotland. Nay, he is more. He belongs to us all. He speaks our common language. His songs of humor, of love, of home, of country, have sung their way into the hearts of people everywhere.

Likewise we feel in him a kindred spirit when he writes of the dignity of man. "A man's a man for a' that." "Princes and lords are but the breath of kings."

Passing strange, it was the phase of life that most disturbed him. Conscious of his own worth, his fierce, passionate nature rebelled against his heritage of grinding poverty. This seeming injustice makes him, at times, as moody as a Scotch sky and as restless as the sea that beats the craggy cliffs of his beloved country.

To one of these bitter phases must be attributed one of the most pathetic verses in all literature. While plowing he turned up the nest of a field mouse. A fellow worker made an effort to kill it. Burns protested. The result was his poem, "To a Mouse," well known to all.

These are tragic lines, for they portray his own life. So far it has been a dreary round and though he will live on some years and come to great place, with prophetic insight, for him the future is dark and foreboding.

He means man's treatment to the "Wee, sleekit, cow-rin' timorous beastie."

Then, Still thou art blest, comar'd wi' me!

The present only toucheth thee: But, Och! I backward cast my e'e On prospects drear;

An' forward, tho' I canna see,

I guess an' fear.

One does not have to go to college to go straight.

Reform is the change we demand in the other fellow. Dictatorship is the change some other fellow demands in us. The real change is the change we ourselves demand—in ourselves.

Bickering will lead to routh, Teamwork must begin; Nations conquered from without Have first collapsed within.

Prejudice is being down on something you're not up on.

## USO Presents—

### SNAKE-HUNTING ON CHATTAHOOCHEE, BOAT RIDE, AND DANCING LESSONS

By PVT. SHELDON A. KEITER  
News Item: "Technician Fifth Grade Ima G. Eye of the 26th Mess Kit Repair Unit, Fort Benning, shot a 14 1-2 pound snake last Sunday afternoon while cruising aboard the Falcon on the Chattahoochee River nine miles below Columbus. USO officials reported the 'catch' was one of the biggest recorded."

You think we're crazy? Well, not yet, and such a story well might appear in the local prints shortly. The Ninth Street USO will inaugurate Sunday, July 4, a program of river cruises starting at 11 a.m. and lasting well through the afternoon into early evening.

Feature of the program will be snakeshooting and frog digging besides fishing and boating. The Falcon will cruise leisurely approximately 10 miles down the river and return. Two meals will be served to the servicemen en route. All this for the nominal fee of \$1.00.

The Salvation Army USO clubs in Columbus and Phenix City will offer their usual entertainment features on their programs next week.

One more spurt of energy and he'd reach the objective. He could hear that voice again, "On your toes. Pump those legs. Grab that rifle and keep it ready." A shot rang out. Joe flopped down like an elephant with its legs shot off. Then he was up again. A couple of steps left. Joe made it.

Tired, dirty and hungry, Joe climbed into the two and a half-ton truck that was waiting there for him. He started the cigarette that he had waited for. The tiny flame lit up the back of the truck and he could see the other fellows for an instant. He recognized the fellow sitting next to him. Pretty tired and dirty and hungry, too. The voice inside Joe wasn't sharp anymore, but sleepy and slow. Joe heard it just before he dozed off in the back of the truck.

"You'll be in your bunk soon. It won't be long until you're back at the barracks. You're not the only one who's tired. These realistic obstacle courses are pretty swell training . . . and besides, you'll be a shavetail in a couple of weeks. But remember, Joe, the next machine guns won't be firing overhead, the shot from behind trees won't be blank, and the smell won't be artificial. Most of all, Joe, Em Spencer back in Jersey can't marry a dead pigeon."

### Verse

#### GLORIOUS SPRINGTIME

Green grasses,  
Blooming flowers,  
Sweet, cool, dew in the morning hours;  
Glorious Springtime!

Budding trees,  
Love-birds singing,  
Sweet song, wedding bells,  
sweet music ringing;  
Glorious Springtime!

Heavenly evenings,  
Lovers woo,  
Under stars and moon,  
in a sky midnight-blue;

The grandest of seasons,  
Filled with joy and mirth,  
God's great gift; the earth's rebirth;

Certain firms in the Middle West have hit on a new idea to prevent absenteeism. To wake up American workers who absent themselves from important war work for no valid reason, these companies have been putting checks drawn on the "Bank of the Axis" in the pay envelopes of these people, who were recently surprised to find two checks in their pay envelopes, one for the actual days worked and the other for time absent from their jobs. The check for not working was drawn on the "Bank of the Axis" signed by Adolf Hitler and countersigned by Benito Mussolini. Across its face was stamped in red letters "Negotiable in Human Lives." As a result of these checks, one firm reported 27 per cent reduction in absenteeism immediately after the first checks were issued. Others reported similar reductions.

He could see the lights now.



## Sportscasting

By SGT. CARL NEU

**WHO'LL IT BE?** That's the big question that will be in every baseball fan's mind along about 2:30 Sunday when the Profs and Parachutists square off at Gowdy Field for the opener of the five-game series to decide post honours for the half of the baseball season. There are arguments on both sides of the fence, despite the fact that the Academic nine will probably take the field as favorites.

One fact stands out, however, and that is that neither team will be representative of the pennant winning combination in its respective loops. The one-officer rule, which must be enforced in the inter-league series, will force two Prof regulars to the sidelines, while the transfer of Bruiser Kinard and the untimely death of Lieut. Jim Donovan, killed in a jump-tower accident, will lessen the TPS staff.

We mention this fact now only because some wag is sure to come along when the series is over and claim that his favorite team could have beaten both contestants. That might be true because usually short series prove nothing. But it's the club that wins consistently during the schedule over a period of weeks and makes a runaway of its league race such as both the Profs and Parachutists did that rates the nod as true champs.

Weakened as they are, however, the two teams are sure to play inspired ball in the post-supremacy at stake. This corner looks for a pretty interesting series with the distinct possibility that it might go the limit of five games. One thing is sure, the opener on Sunday should touch off some real Fourth of July fireworks for the post's rabid diamond fans. We wouldn't trade our seat even for a three-day pass!

**SPEAKING OF** things that shouldn't be missed there is tonight's Water Safety show at Russ Pool which promises real excitement. The fire should be a humdinger when those Red Cross gents set fire to two pools of petrol and then demonstrate how soldiers can either leap into the burning oil or swim through it with complete safety simply by splashing water ahead of them to clear the way. Ben Stanton and Holman Marks, the Red Cross men who have conducted the course deserve a real verbal orchid for the way they have conducted the class and for the invaluable knowledge they will have left at Benning to be passed on to hundreds of men—knowledge that may save their lives in the event of disaster at sea.

**POST TOAST** in softball circles is this lad Earl Varchmin of the Parachute School's 1st Academic Company. He seems to be in the right place in the right field, according to the reports of the batters who TRY to hit against him. Getting mildly curious last week as to just how he did these almost magic things on the softball mound, we managed to corral Varchmin for an interview.

And here's what we uncovered. Varchmin, who is really quite a modest chap, admits that he can make the ball drop as much as a foot and a half on certain pitches. Is it any wonder the batters can't catch up? If you're interested in how a tall pitcher can know that a drop of a drop but for a man to be able to do that with the larger 12-inch spheroid is really something. Secret of his success, also, is his marvelous control. Varchmin claims he tries never to throw 'em down the middle. Always works the corners and evidently seldom misses judging by his permitting only four hits in the first four loop games his team played. O. K. fellows, now that you know how Varchmin does it, you shouldn't have any further trouble hitting him. On no!

**THEY SAY** that Elmer Neibler, reliable center fielder on the Academic Profs, is walking on his hands these days. We can't vouch for the fact, but it seems logical after his two accidents last week. First off, Nibbles ups and develops some nasty athlete's foot on one hoof (and why shouldn't he since he's an athlete) that requires medical treatment and incapacitates him somewhat. Then the very next day, he does a handstand on something. Now the Odds-on says that would require two stunts to heal him up. That puts two feet out of commission, so why shouldn't he walk on his hands? Despite all the misfortune, however, Elmer says he'll be ready for the title series, even if he has to use slippers instead of spikes. Maybe he should borrow paratroop jump boots for protection.

**CREDIT THREE** employees of the post engineer with ingenuity for their work in constructing the jump tower which will be used in training the paratroopers at Russ Pool. Ordered to construct the tower in time for the first of July, the engineers were busy as beavers, swimming through water holding their lumber and equipment over to the island stand. Rather wet work for carpenters, but by gosh, they did the job they set out to perform!

**TALK ABOUT** hard-hitting ball clubs! Three days ago you'll overlook those rambunctious Red Sox of the 1st STR who are literally mopping up in the colored Service League. And, as almost all-male-prospects line up, they're the ones to beat. Their order of battle: the 12th, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh battalions, all towering over six feet. Those giant lads wade that hat around like it was a toothpick and can really whale the old horseshoe.

Sunday afternoon against the same Panther nine that had handed Tuskegee a drubbing just the night before, the Red Sox bombarded the fences with 12 extra base hits out of the 17 they accounted for in a seven-game contest. That hitting ability is the result of the blows by Gene Randolph cleared the fence beyond the 400-foot mark for the longest Gowdy Field homer of the year.

**SHORT SHOTS**—The Student Training Brigade nine will play in the second half TIS race as the 6th Regiment, ASTP Basic Training Center, since most of the personnel from the mid-week race has been absorbed by the other units. The two regiments that are the sole entries in the Fort Benning League next half are the 22nd Station Hospital and the 515th Parachutes. . . You could have a miniature Rose Bowl game at the post with all the former Georgia and UCLA lads now stationed here. There's George Poschner, Jim Todd, J. P. Miller, Lamar Davis, and Gene Ellenson the Bulldogs, and Bob Waterfield, Buck Compton, Al Solar and a couple more of the Bruins roaming over Beaufort landscape. . . See Mac Manus, Supply Detachment, on the outside, and you'll see the post's number one baseball fan. He sure can needle more of the players than any other fan. He really keeps 'em on the ball. . . Tomorrow night's the night lots of fans have waited all season for because it is the date the 300th battles the Profs for the first time since Lefty Francis took over the reins of the Triplets nine. It'll sure be interesting if Lefty toes the slab against his team-mates of a year ago. . . Win Pederson, one of the mid-weekers, played all but 28 minutes during a recent Panther title season, is now just one of the Benning boys. Lt. Troy Ricks, former All-American who led 2nd STR to post court laurels last winter, is keeping in shape for the hardwood campaign by riding the bucking broncos at the post stables. This season, he'll be in Prof livery. . . Give Buck Brady, chief groundkeeper at Gowdy Field, a boost for the swell way he's keeping the infield in shape during this sweltering weather. The infield greenward has never looked greener.

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# Post Title Series Starts On Sunday

## Profs Meet Parachute School Nine in Opener Of Five-Game Play-Off

### Joe Dickinson Slated to Hurl For Profs Against TPS Ace Mike Hogan

Baseball supremacy of America's most complete army post for the first half of the 1943 campaign will be at stake Sunday afternoon when the Academic Regiment Profs, champions of the Infantry School League, and the Parachute School, Fort Benning League titlists, clash in the opening of a five-game series at 2:30 o'clock on Gowdy Field.

The series will continue on consecutive days until one or the other contestant has captured three tilts and the laurels. Games Monday and Tuesday are certain, therefore, with Wednesday and Thursday tilts depending on the outcome of the earlier battles. All weekday frays will get under way in Gowdy Field at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Two former minor league pitching stars are expected to oppose one another in Sunday's big opener. For the Profs, Joe Dickinson, of Milwaukee Brewer fame in the American Association, will toe the slab while Michael Patrick Hogan, once of the Baltimore Orioles in the International League, is expected to hurl for TPS.

### RUNDUS VS. BARDIN

The second game on Monday night will probably see Rudy Rundus, former Rochester International Leaguer, get the mound call for the TIS champs with Pete Bardin, soldier fireballer, slugging for the Panthers. Lefty Lehner, a former veteran of several seasons, is the most likely third game choice and he will be opposed by Bucket Vaughn or the skyjumpers. After that, any of the previous three starters are likely to see action.

Although the Profs who have collected seven straight post titles will be a slight favorite to gain the first leg on their eighth conquest, critics concede the champion is a good chance to win.

TPS' ace hard-hitting gas-house gang that is capable of playing some really inspired baseball as evidenced by a recent game when they scored eight runs in the ninth inning after two were out.

### BOTH WEAKENED

Both teams will go into the little world series with weakened line-ups due to varying factors. Since in an inter-league series, the Profs must adhere to the one-officer rule instead of the three-officer rule, the latter in vogue in the TIS loop, two regulars will have to warm the bench.

The best guess on how the Profs line-up will be shifted is this: Manager Herb Moore, crag-faced baseball veteran, will probably return to the dugout and hand over the initial hazzock to Lefty Lehner, who held down the slot for several seasons on championship clubs. Garnet Mercer, slugging right-fielder, and the other officers will be in the dugout in an attempt to keep the team together. Lefty will probably patrol left field with Bill Cox moving around to right. Elmer Neibler will be in center, of course.

### PAGE REMAINS

This shifting will leave Erwin Prasse, the third baseman, as the only officer, in the starting line-up. Ben Zientara and Johnny Russo will be at second and short to complete the infield, while Ross Plunk will catch.

Now for the Parachutists.

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### MAGUIRE AT SHORT

Such a shift, however, will leave a gaping hole at shortstop which Hogan hopes to plug by using Mickey Maguire, utility infielder. Ben Bok, the left-fielder, could be in the dugout in an attempt to keep the team together. Otherwise TPS will present its usual line-up with Gus Morris on first, Ed Porterfield at second, and Buck Kissel at third.

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# Ram Ramizoffi Stars As 176th Topples Pros

Lefty Wissman Hurts  
Spirits to 4-3  
Lop Triumph

The 176th Infantry Spirits defeated the league leading Academic Pros Monday night by a score of 4-3. The game was a closely contested one, and the second loss for the Pros this season.

Eddie Wissman pitched all the way for the Spirits and gave only five scattered hits. Captain Ram Ramizoffi played heads-up ball at short-stop, handling eleven balls cleanly. The "Ram" made thrilling stops all through the game and it was he who ultimately ended the game by a superb catch of a hard hit ball in the second base. Ram ran fast to his left and stabbed at the ball and with almost the same motion threw to Poland at first base to end the game.

**SCORE** — 4-3.  
All the Spirit scoring was done in the last half of the 3rd inning. Wissman singled. Bill Lohr also singled, advancing Wissman to 2nd. Richardson, the next man up, popped out to the Pro shortstop. Gandy, the third Pro shortstop, smashed a blow to right field scoring Wissman from second and advancing Lohr to 3rd.

Ramizoffi sent a ball through the 3rd scoring Lohr for the second Spirit run. The Pros held a conference on the diamond and Dinsmore, their pitcher, stayed in the game. Erb the next man up, hit a ball to the short-stop who threw wildly to 2nd base. Complex streaked home from 2nd and Ram from 1st. Erb popping up at 3rd. Pros were pulled across on four hits and one error.

**LOHN'S GREAT CATCH.**  
In the fifth inning, "Shuffie" Lohr, the Spirit left fielder, made a sensational catch of Prasse's solo blow to deep left field. Lohr looked at that ball, turned, started running towards the fence, then he turned around again, looked at the ball and ran some more. Suddenly he threw his gloved hand up and took the ball over his shoulder with his back to the ball and while running towards the fence. The stands gave him a rousing ovation for this.

The Pros scored their three runs in the 7th inning when Prasse sent a home run ball over the score board in deep left field, sending two men home ahead of him.

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## 176th Spirits Threaten Near Close of Race

### Climb Fast in TIS Loop With Four Recent Wins

BY SGT. MILTON LUBAN  
Handing the champion Academic Regiment Pros—a swift 4-clout on the chin Monday night, the fast-climbing 176th Spirits by taking four of the last five games have climbed into the Inter-College League scramble for second place.

The Spirits are one game out of second and, if they continue to play the flashy ball they demonstrated against the Pros, should take their remaining two games.

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If nothing else, the Spirits showed they would definitely be in the fight for the second-half title along with the Pros, the Brigade and the 300th.

### GATORS IN 5TH PLACE

The 124th Gators, after having disrupted their seven game winning streak, have had their troubles, having completed their first game, particularly entrenched in fifth place. A week ago at this time the Gators were on the verge of crashing into second but a slump killed their chances of rising higher than fifth.

The Brigade has two more games to take both which would clinch second place for them.

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8th Brigade ..... 9 4 .482  
300th Inf. ..... 8 5 .625  
124th Inf. ..... 8 7 .533  
176th Inf. ..... 9 5 .545  
STR. Rifles ..... 4 10 .200

### General—

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They will also take part in a mass resuscitation exercise.

One of the most interesting phases of the summer operations of the G.I. clothing such as trousers, shirts, barracks bags or paratroop jump suits can be easily inflated while under water and made to serve as a life preserver.

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### STANTON AT MIKE

At the microphone during tonight's show will be Ben Stanton, nationally known swim expert of the Red Cross. He is now training the swimmers at Benning. In the water, guiding the soldiers through their paces will be Holman G. Marks, the other Red Cross representative who came here especially for the two-week period of instruction. Stanton and Marks had nothing but words of praise early this week for the group of Benning men who took the course. The Red Cross men stated they worked diligently and with an earnest desire to glean every bit of available information on water safety so they might pass it on to their buddies.

For tonight's show, approximately 500 seats will be available inside the pool enclosure on the northeast side. The remainder of the audience will be seated on the hillside behind the pool since a capacity crowd is expected.

tively over the nine-inning route and allowed two hits in only one frame. Fowlville struck out only five men, but had the visitors clinging to his infielders all night.

**CHEARS HOMERS**

Only one really hard blow was struck off the Panther pitcher and that was a tremendous 35-foot homer over the left field fence in the sixth. Ladd Chears, Tuskegee third baseman, The Panthers grabbed an early lead with a run in the first, then broke loose in the third with a five-hit barrage which sent three more runs across. After that they coasted to victory.

**12 HITS**

Danny Williams, Hank Blackburn, Jack Griffin and Frankie Phillipson paced the Panther attack with two hits apiece. In all, the Panthers gathered 13 safeties off the combined slants of Pickens and James, the Tuskegee hurlers.

Score by innings: R H E  
Panthers 12 10 10 — 10 13 1  
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Batteries: Tuskegee—Pickens, James and Smith, Childs. 3rd STR.—Fowlville and Young.

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A. Beef and other meats are difficult to secure—ever

so often we are ordered 45 per cent set aside for military forces. We are getting even now more than civilians or any other army.

Q. "What become of all those good steaks cafeteria used to

have?"

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messes?"

A. Depend upon your C.

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Benning Bayonet, Thursday, July 1, 1943

## 6th Regiment AST Staff Officers Named

Nine New Officers Added To Unit,  
Col. Sharpe Announces

Col. Robert Sharp, commanding the Sixth Training Regiment of the ASTP Basic Training Center, announced the appointment of his staff officers this week. Col. Walter H. Hall, commanding, Maj. Col. George J. Hall is plans and training officer, Captain George J. Hall is supply officer, and 2d Lieutenant Don L. Kearney is intelligence officer.

Maj. Pierce, who formerly lived in Raleigh, N.C., is graduate of North Carolina State College and has been stationed at Fort Benning since May, 1941. His first duty was with the Student Training Unit (now the 1st STR), and he later graduated from TIS Basic Training Center. Recently he has been executive officer of the Casual Battalion S.T.B. In civil life, Maj. Pierce was with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Maj. and Mrs. Pierce and their two children live in Columbus.

Maj. Hall, whose permanent

residence is in Fayetteville, Ark., is a graduate of and on leave from the faculty of the University of Arkansas. He has served on that faculty for 15 years. Maj. Hall also holds a master of science degree from and was a graduate assistant at the University of Minnesota. In addition to further studies at Harvard University, Maj. Hall is the author of prolific organizational and research publications in the fields of economics and agriculture. A former member of the Casually Command in the Tactical Section of the Infantry School, Major Hall is a graduate of TIS basic and advanced courses.

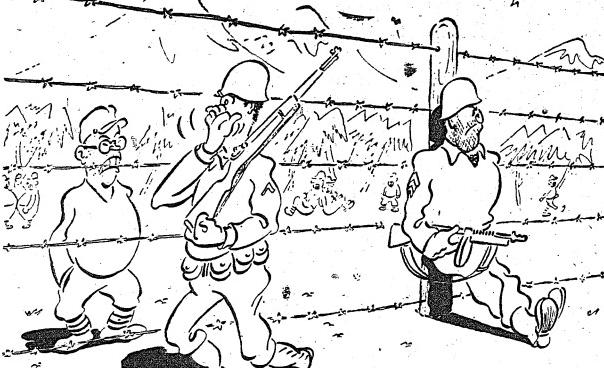
**CAPTAIN MILLER**

Captain George M. Miller, a native of Portland, Ore., graduated from the University of Washington in 1938. For the past two years he was quarterback on the famous Huskies football teams. He completed further studies at Columbia University and was awarded a master of arts degree by New York University in 1940. Until his call to active duty in November, 1941, Capt. Miller was junior executive of Macy's Department Store in New York City. Capt. Miller graduated from Basic Course 19 and was assigned to duty with the secretary's office of the Academic Department of the Infantry School. In October, 1942 he was assigned to the Student Training Brigade and, until joining the Sixth Regiment, has been supply officer of that organization. Capt. and Mrs. Miller and their one child reside in Benning.

**LT. KEARNEY**

Lt. Kearney, a resident of New York City and graduate of Fordham University in 1938, was formerly research assistant of Bill Stern, sports director of the National Broadcast Company. Capt. Kearney, often appearing on radio shows as sports announcer and producer at radio stations in Rochester, Syracuse and White Plains, New York, and radio production director of the USAO at that organization's national headquarters.

Nine officers have recently joined the Sixth Regiment. Capt. Perry N. Reilly, former mess of



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## Enlisted Men, 1st Regiment, Get Promotions

Lt. Col. John S. Roosma, regimental commander of the First Student Training Regiment, recently announced the promotions of the following enlisted men:

To be tech sergeant, St. Sgt. Charles R. Rulong; to be st. sergeant, St. Sgt. Jack Russell; to be staff sergeant, Tech. 4. George George G. Carn, Irving Mendelson, Raymond C. P. Duncan, Robert C. Northrop, Merle G. Pollitt, William A. Rose, and Pvts. Stanley J. Banach, Ralph E. Clement, William E. G. Brewster, Melvin L. Jacobson, Lloyd V. Ortegian, Clarence D. Ott, James B. Scroggs, Jr., James C. Smith, Harry T. Sosey, and Stewart W. Theune.

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# Lab Technicians Trained in Benning Hospital Unit

Six-Months' Course Established To Prepare Civilians For Work

The scarcity of skilled civilian and military laboratory technicians for Army hospitals is being alleviated at Fort Benning by the institution of a six-month course of instruction to qualify civilians for the important jobs at this Army post.

A new classification to enlisted civilians for the tasks has been opened under the title of minor laboratory helper. With 10 civilians on the job at Fort Benning, they are undergoing a course of instruction at Station Hospital Unit No. 2 under the direction of Second Lieutenant Clifford K. Okuno.

They are completely equipped laboratory, the civilians are mastering the techniques of the lab work. They are qualifying themselves for vital war work. The laboratory helpers assist with all laboratory work in this hospital unit which acts as a clearing house for all disabilities in the Harmony Church first.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

The student technicians are responsible for the cleaning and sterilizing of standard laboratory equipment, polishing slides, washing and assembling glassware, preparing labels with dates and code numbers and the carrying of samples to and from the laboratory.

Minor laboratory helpers are classified as enlisted men due to the fact that it is difficult to re-enlist qualified civilians locally or through civil service.

They are also responsible for feeding and care of experimental animals; rabbits, guinea pigs, etc. and the preparing of experimental projects according to specified instructions, of these

10 civilians were selected because they possessed certain necessary qualifications: they had to be high school graduates with

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They are qualifying themselves for vital war work. The laboratory helpers assist with all laboratory work in this hospital unit which acts as a clearing house for all disabilities in the Harmony Church first.

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They are also responsible for feeding and care of experimental animals; rabbits, guinea pigs, etc. and the preparing of experimental projects according to specified instructions, of these

10 civilians were selected because they possessed certain necessary qualifications: they had to be high school graduates with

at least 14 units acceptable for college entrance, supplemented by one year's study in biology, chemistry or physics. This study must be completed before entering the technical institution attended certifying that the applicant completed his four years of high school training or 14 units of high school study acceptable for college entrance including or supplemented by the one-year course in at least one of the following subjects: English, literature, or physics.

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## Member of Sandino Clan Is Officer Candidate Here

Cousin Led Marinés Merry Chase For Years In Native Nicaragua

Bearer of a name famous in the fighting history of Nicaragua, Candidate Jose F. Sandino, 1st Company, Senior Student Training Regiment, has already packed a lifetime of thrills and adventure into his 32 years.

He has met and known fairly well many present day leaders, including Secretary of War Stimson, and on the other extreme, Walt Disney. Perhaps more generally known by the name of the fact that Jose knows such film stars as Jinx Falkenberg, Ann Miller, Bette Davis and Irene Manning. These and other Hollywood lovelies send our Jose personally autographed pictures, several of which now decorate the 1st Company's dorm room.

Sandino descended from an old Spanish family that settled in Nicaragua about 1600. His family has been among Nicaragua's leaders up and down the centuries since then. One of his cousins was the famous General Sandino, who made a fight for his country's independence and also led the U.S. Marines a merry chase for several years. The Marines never did catch up with him, and they finally left Nicaragua in the early 1930's.

In 1932, General Sandino who was at odds with the incumbent

regime, was shot down in ambush by members of an enemy politico. Civil war again threatened, but Mr. Stimson, then Secretary of State, paid a visit to Nicaragua and concluded a peace treaty between the Sandino faction and the opposition.

**AN EARLY GRADUATE.**

One of the terms of the peace was that a military academy be established to form a nucleus for a Nicaraguan National Army. Jose Sandino was one of the first to attend and be graduated as a 2nd lieutenant.

After several months, he became a 1st lieutenant and was sent on his way to being a captain when trouble broke out again in Nicaragua in 1934. Unfortunately, Jose picked the wrong side, and on the very day he was supposed to receive his captaincy, he instead boarded a ship which they will be transferred to the stations from which recruited.

Columbus girls taking this course are Edna P. Dill, Mary L. Dill, Minnie D. Johnson, Lillian E. Odom, Katherine Nichols, Anna Sanders, Kate H. Templin and Mary E. Worrell. \* \* \*

We extend our sympathies to Helen Knight Smothers, Sub-depot, Lawson Field, in the loss of her father, J. J. Knight, Sr., early Monday morning. \* \* \*

Inez Key, of Internal Security, and Grace Culbreth, military personnel section at Post Headquarters, have both returned from a vacation with their families in Florida. \* \* \*

Jack Joines, manager of the new Patrolo Key has a new "key" story. It isn't "The Glass Key," "The Keys to the Kingdom," nor "Seven Keys to Baldpate." It is "Thirteen Keys to the Patrolo," for that is how many keys it takes to completely lock up that Patrolo every night. \* \* \*

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Mildred Schuyler, former student in music, New York City high schools, a graduate of Brooklyn College and Columbia University, is being welcomed to the Blue Print Department of the Engineering Division, Sub-Depot. Musicians are always especially welcome. If you, Benji and Mildred, we are sure, will be given an opportunity to share in the musical life of Columbus as well as Fort Benning.

Several years later he and his aunt left Germany to return to their homeland in England. Settling down to natural life once more, Cpl. Helmrich decided to join the English National Guard for a period of three years. In comparison with the German discipline, he thinks the English was not as hard, but more efficient.

He left England in 1927 and arrived in New York where he settled in business as a garage proprietor. Closing his shop in October, 1942 he answered Uncle Sam's call to the Army. He is proud to serve in it and awaits the day anxiously when he will be a citizen of the United States.

One of Candidate Sandino's proudest boasts is that Nicaragua's

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## 1st Regiment G. I. Served German Kaiser

### Saw Nazi Preparation For Second World War Around Kiel

One of the most interesting students attending the Motor Mechanics Course in the First Student Training Regiment is Cpl. Herbert Helmrich of the German Company. He is an Englishman by birth, but has experienced much in foreign armed services.

His early childhood days were spent in England prior to entering Germany. Shortly after arriving, Germany, World War I broke out and he joined the British forces. He was a nurse. Due to the scarcity of trained hospital technicians they were required to toil for endless hours to cope with the battlefield casualties.

In 1921 he was compelled to serve the Deutsches Reich to the tune of unbroken service in the army. Sitar is only 34 years old. He enlisted in 1925 and his entire army career has been spent in the infantry. He was six years in the Philippines, and 18 months in China and his last "long distance" assignment was at Dutch Harbor where he was stationed for two years.

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The candidate explained that the trip he hopes to make to Japan at the head of an infantry platoon will not be his first to those islands. "I have visited Nagasaki," he revealed, "but that was just for a three-day stay."

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## 14 New Captains In Second Regiment

Fourteen first lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of captain in the Second Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, it was announced.

The new captains are: George W. Case, 18th Co.; Donald C. Davison, 7th Co.; Fred L. Dickey, Jr., 12th Co.; Robert M. Edkin, 4th Co.; Edgar A. Eshmann, 9th Co.; Andrew G. McGrath, 3rd Co.; William C. McMullen, Jr., who recently left the Second Regiment; Eugene P. Miller, 27th Co.; Edward J. Muller, 1st Co.; Richard M. Nash, 15th Co.; G. Owens, Co. D.; Davis J. Smith, 9th Co.; Bradford S. Tucker, 11th Co.; Robert M. Turrell, 3rd Co.

The students learned to adjust the masks to use them for gas, then replaced the masks in their carriers and awaited the next instructions.

Suddenly a white cloud of smoke appeared, which was found to be tear gas. After some stumbling and eye irritation, all students had donned their masks and moved through the sudden emergency.

Now application—especially in gas mask instruction means much more to them than formerly, as they have come new points on gas instruction to back to their home stations.

"Gas" and "gas masks" are more than empty phrases to the officers of 8th Company, not only from their sudden experience in the classroom, but from other "sniff" tests, which indicated plainly through their presence of smell that what seems to be the odor of green corn, geraniums, garlic, or fly paper, may not be the harmless gas. The soldier thinks he might be in a position of deadly danger and the need for instant protective measures when gases with these odors are first detected.

## R. C. Work Room Closed Afternoons And Saturdays

The Red Cross Work Room will be closed in the afternoons and on Saturdays until further notice, according to Mrs. William Denton, head of surgical dressings. The Work Room will continue to be open during the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon, Mondays through Fridays.

Mrs. J. R. N. Weaver, in charge of sewing and knitting announces that fifty scarves have been requested by the Red Cross production workers before the end of summer. Over one hundred banks of wool, sufficient to knit the scarves, are ready at the Work Room. This work will be given to the sewing and knitting regulars on Thursdays.

Four assistants have been appointed to help Mrs. Weaver. They are Mrs. Sterling M. Crim, Mrs. Harvey T. Morgan, Mrs. James H. McDonough, and Mrs. James C. Morrison. Mrs. Weaver will be in charge of sewing and knitting on alternate Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the Work Room, while Mrs. Weaver will supervise on Thursdays during those hours.

**M. P. PROMOTIONS**

Seven enlisted men of the Corps of Military Police are now sewing one stripe on each of the sleeves of their shirts. The men promoted to private first class are: Nathaniel Pless, Gibson, Dan C. Grantham, James C. Hudson, Lester Hudson, James C. Smith and Robert D. Maddox.

was among the first of the Pan-American countries to declare war on the Axis. After the war he intends to go back to his native Nicaragua and resume his political career. This time he says he will be more sure about being on the winning side in Nicaragua just as he's on the winning side in the war against the Axis.

## Civilian Activities

By MYRTLE M. JOINES

Cisco Ordnance Civilian Training Center, Cisco, Tex., is the destination of 10 civilians leaving Columbus Monday for this training center to complete a three-months course in automotive mechanics.

Applicants were given a mechanical aptitude test by the secretary of the civil service board, Columbus Monday for this training center to complete a three-months course in automotive mechanics.

Career man of the 11th Company, Third Student Training Regiment, is Officer Candidate Stephen B. Sitar, who has six hash marks on his sleeve, years of regular army service in the Philippines, China, and Alaska.

behind him and an indelible memory of the Jap bombs that thundered down on his outfit at Dutch Harbor.

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